Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Feb. 18.- Those who visited Mrs. Bessie Mattox last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Canada and baby, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hindley, of Pocahontas, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Muttox, of Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wingfield, of Richmond visited Mrs. H. T. Terry during the week-end.

Mrs. A. L. Anderson and daughter, Audrey, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Caldwell, of Lynchburg, visited Miss Flora Belle Williams last Sunday.

Miss Mary Jane Hall, of Warren-ton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Baldwin.

Little "Bill" Tolley, son of Mr and Mrs. Harold Tolley, has chicken pox at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mason and two children, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Farrar and family during last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Finchum and son, of Farmville visited Mrs. Juddy Glover Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. J. Wilkins, of Lynchburg visited Misses Mattie and Willie Thornton last week-end.

Mr. Rupert Garrett, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Green Garrett.

Miss Alma Richardson spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. George Kress.

Frank Cumby, of Norfolk, spent the week with his wife here.

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The extent to which this is true is mirrored by some grim statistics. Diseases of the heart and circulation, now responsible for about 54 per cent of all deaths, affect more than 10,000,000 Americans, among them 500,000 children of school age.

They constitute America's foremost health problem and the leading medical challenge of our time.

Until only two or three decades ago, the view was widely held that "nothing can be done about heart disease," which was seen as an inevitable forerunner of death—something quite beyond the reach of medical science.

In years past, this same fatalistic viewpoint prevailed regarding such "epidemic" diseases as smallpox, typhoid, and yellow fever, diphtheria and bubonic plague. As the infectious diseases succumbed to medical science, so have many other disorders of the body been remedied or cured by new advances in drug therapy and surgery.

Pessimism and despair are now being replaced by hope and assurance that medical research, in the not-too-distant future, will provide the knowledge needed to control most diseases of the heart and circulation.

Brilliant victories already have been scored in the diagnosis and treatment of heart and circulatory diseases. There is today a general awareness that some forms of heart disease can now be prevented, a few can be cured, and that almost all cases can be helped by proper treatment — especially after early diagnosis.

As a result, people now realize that no medical problem — and this specifically includes the heart disease — is as fraught with menace as that of heart disease.

Four-H Achiements Listed As National Observance Nears

Four-H club officials at VPI are indulging in a little stock-taking these days. The occasion? The advent of National 4-H Club Week, March 1-8.

Purpose of the observance, explains Dr. W. E. Skelton, state 4-H agent, is to provide a special occasion for evaluating achievements, and making plans, to inform the public of the value of 4-H work, to interest other young people in enrolling, and to recognize the important part played by 4-H leaders.

In all the states and territories the club members are planning exhibits, reports, and special programs for the observance, which this year has as its theme "4-H Salute to Parents."

In Virginia, Dr. Skelton noted, a record membership of 69,306 in the various home economics and agricultural projects — an increase of over 2,000 from a year ago, and a far cry from the beginnings in 1908 when there were 100 boys conducting one-acre corn projects in Dinwiddie and Chesterfield Counties.

There are now 2,239 clubs in all the counties of the state. In 1957 club members completed 76,418 projects. Dr. Skelton says it is only possible to handle such a large number by the active participation of lay leaders, of whom there are 8, 119.

The project side of club work now extends to many fields, with new types being added as changes in agriculture have occurred, and as the need of projects adapted in rural non-farm and urban homes has developed.

The rapid expansion in enrollment in electric projects is a striking example! Dr. Skelton says. Participation in this project reached 11,281 last year, the largest enrollment of any state.

Last year was a record one also from the standpoint of national recognition. The livestock judging team placed first at the International Exposition in Chicago; the dairy judging team placed fifth at the national contest at Chicago; ten club members won national awards in individual contests; and six were alternate winners in national contests.

Dr. Skelton says many educational values in 4-H work are not easily measured. These lead to development of character, leadership, and citizenship, and are attained by participation in many activities, such as meetings, contests, camps, and short courses. Attendance at camps and short courses was 7,163 last year.

FUND BID FAILS

The Administration has rejected pleas for expanded meteorological research, which the Weather Bureau says could lead to improved forecasting and eventually weather control.

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Rocks News

Feb. 17.- The deepest snow [illegible] years fell here over the [illegible]nd. Farm work is at a stand-[illegible]ow.

[illegible] service at church, on account [illegible] snow. And no school today.

[illegible]W. S. C. S. of Piney Ridge [illegible]et in the home of Mrs. [illegible] Ranson on Wednesday [illegible] with very good attendance.

[illegible]ret Payne, of Richmond, [illegible] Thursday and took her [illegible] Mrs. L. C. Elder, to the [illegible] in Lynchburg to have part [illegible] taken off of her leg.

[illegible] Dickerson had charge of the prayer service on Tuesday night, and brot a very fine message.

The home demonstration club held its February meeting with Mrs. Rhomy Wilson on last Wednesday night, Miss Mary Owen Armistead, our new leader, was with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Webber were in Pamplin Friday afternoon.

A number of our people attended the funeral of Mrs. Lula Garrett Watts, at College Hill Church in Lynchburg, Thursday A. M.

Mrs. Jennie Almond spent a night recently with her daughter, Mrs. Otis Ranson.

We regret that Dr. Donald Smith left Pamplin last Friday.

Some of the neighbors saw the Aurora Borealis on Monday night, and were impressed very much over seeing it.

GAMBLERS PAY U. S.

The Federal Government collected more than $7,000,000 in "business" taxes from gamblers in 1957, officials of the Internal Revenue Service have disclosed. But they said the 4-year-old gambling stamp law might be more remunerative if there were enough manpower to enforce it.

Thus far Congress has turned down requests for more agents to seek out evaders.

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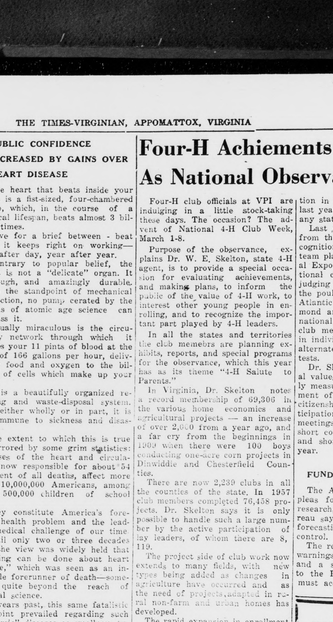

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Public Worship

Lesson for February 23, 1958

WHY DOES the church worship in public? Didn't Jesus condemn, or make fun of the Pharisees for doing just that? Didn't Jesus say, "When you pray, go into your room and shut the door"? A second thought will show that what Jesus condemned is individuals praying or otherwise worshipping by themselves in public places. This is making a show of religion. Jesus on the other hand never condemned, but encouraged, and took part in, group worship. He promised to be wherever two or three are gathered together in his name.

Dr. Foreman

Worship in the Spirit

Of the many things Jesus said about worship, either directly or indirectly, we may well select one single sentence, or two phrases from it, for special notice. It is the well-known statement, spoken not to a learned man but to a simple-minded woman, that God is a Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and in truth. Worshipping in the Spirit is not to be contrasted with worshipping (say) with words and music. We know that Jesus attended synagogue services regularly. We know he visited the elaborate worship services of the great Temple. We know he was familiar with that ancient hymn-book of his people which we know as the Psalter. If a man offers one prayer silently, and another prayer aloud, perhaps in unison with others, and sets still another prayer to music and sings it, we have no right to call the unspoken prayer "spiritual" and the others not. Perhaps they are all three spiritual; perhaps none is. But the spirituality of a prayer is not to be measured by how loud or soft it sounds.

In Tune With God

A better contrast is to say that "in the Spirit" or "in Spirit" (both expressions are used in the New Testament) is in harmony with the God who is Spirit. If it is out of tune with God, if it is not in harmony with the nature of God, it is not acceptable worship, or service, or doctrine. God's Spirit is always a giving, not a selfish one. Selfish prayer is not prayer in Spirit. Worship that is centered in the worshippers' own desires and needs is hardly worship in Spirit. Furthermore, prayer that places most emphasis on physical, material welfare, prayer that is mostly for more pay or more comfort or more promotion in this world, is both selfish and material. (Any reader who knows the Lord's Prayer will remember that Jesus did not mean to shut out prayer for material blessings entirely; but that is not the main line of the Lord's Prayer.)

Worship in Truth

More could be said about worship in the Spirit. We might raise the question whether there is not such a thing as collective selfishness in some churches. But let us glance at another point: the God of truth must be worshipped in truth. For one thing, this means that other things being equal, worship is better as it comes closer to a genuine knowledge of God. You would not try to persuade your mother to go with you in the same way in which you would try to persuade a criminal to go with you in a patrol wagon. The way you talk with your mother, or with a burglar, is different because they are different. Talking with God, or about God in a service of worship, or singing to his praise, is far better when the worshipper remembers it is GOD to whom he is speaking. Talking to Him as if he were only a "man upstairs."

But Why at Eleven O'clock?

An objection must have come to many, many minds in the course of the centuries. Granted that worship must be all that is suggested in the majestic words "Spirit and Truth," how can we have any assurance that we shall be in the right frame of mind when Sunday comes and the clock strikes eleven? Well, of course there is not any such assurance. The church knows this very well. What the church does is to open her doors at certain times every week, and invite worshippers to enter and take part. It is often true that though we have gone to church just as a matter of routine, we come away from the worship renewed and blessed. Suppose the church had not given us this opportunity?

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

TOBACCO BLUEMOLD MAY BE SEVERE THIS YEAR

Indications point to a severe tobacco blueмold problem this year.

S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI, says the disease was found in a new southern location (Cuba) in December. It is assumed that a "spore shower" from diseased carryover plant beds in southern Florida was responsible for the bluemold outbreak in Cuba.

A build-up of bluemold spores in the southern states early in the season would make more likely the possibility of a severe outbreak in Virginia this spring, Fenne says.

Farmers are advised to follow the latest control recommendations on spraying and dusting their plant beds.

New Tobacco Breeding Line Developed at VPI

Virginia 12, a new flue-cured tobacco breeding line developed by VPI Agricultural Experiment Station scientists, will probably be released for field production next year if it continues to do well in tests.

The new line originated from a cross between Virginia Gold and Hicks.

PLASTIC SKIN KEEPS HANDS CLEAN

Home gardeners, mechanics, and do-it-yourself painters are in for a big surprise.

VPI scientists pass along news of an aerosol-applied plastic skin which will make it possible to work at the grimiest jobs and still keep hands clean.

This spray-on glove is applied before starting work. Then when the job is finished, both dirt and glove come off with soap and water. Dirt never touches the skin.

The protective film aerosol, developed by Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation, is transparent and resists abrasion. It adheres to the skin without causing irritation, the manufacturer says.

IT'S TIME TO SPRAY FOR LEAFCURL CONTROL

It's time to spray for control of peach and plum leafcurl.

Plant pathologists at VPI say the disease can be controlled only by applying a dormant spray before the buds swell. To make 100 gallons of spray, use either 2½ pounds of ferbam, or 1 pound of dichlone, or 4 gallons of liquid lime-sulphur; or use 2-4-100 bordeaux mixture.

Home fruit growers who need small amounts of spray can use 3½ pints of liquid lime sulphur or 4 cups of dry lime sulphur in 5 gallons of water; or can prepare bordeaux mixture by using 12 level tablespoonsful bluestone and 20 level tablespoonsful of hydrated lime in 5 gallons of water. Do not spray when the temperature is below 45°.

GARLIC, ONION HAVE NO PLACE IN PASTURE

Pastures are no place for wild garlic and onion — particularly if they are grazed by dairy cows which pass the pungent flavor along to the milk.

And, says Allan Kates, weed control specialist at VPI, the best time to spray to get rid of the pesky plants is during late February and March before the new bulblets begin to form.

He says to use 2,4-D ester at the rate of 1¼ to 2 pounds in 30 gallons of water per acre. Spray when the temperature is at least 60°. Control will not be satisfactry if the weather is too cold, so wait until a period of relatively warm weather.

Calibrate the sprayer to determine how much water is being applied per acre, then include the correct amount of 2,4-D in that amount of water.

Be careful about what kind of pasture you spray, Kates warns. Ladino and white clovers will tolerate some 2,4-D. Alfalfa, alsike clover, sweet clover, red clover, crimson clover, and vetch will be killed. There will be some injury to white and ladino clovers, in the form of stunting and curling of plants. Recovery of clover will be more rapid where there is plenty of moisture, and the soil is fertile.

Early spring treatment is likely to cause less injury to the clovers than treatments made after active growth starts. Spray as early as possible so the clover can recover during favorable growing conditions of spring, but not when it is so cool that the chemical can't be absorbed by the garlic.

Kates says wild garlic and onion probably cause as great an economic loss as any other weed. They spread by both hard and soft bulbs formed in the soil, and by aerial bulblets above ground.

Jet Flight Apology

Berlin.- The United States has apologized to the Soviet Union because a United States Air Force jet made an accidental flight over East German territory recently.

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